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Armed robbery: Man gets 10 years, two strokes

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KOTA KINABALU: A 33-year-old man was sentenced to 10 years' jail and ordered to get two strokes of the cane for armed robbery. Sessions Court Judge Noor Hafizah Mohd Salim handed the sentence to Maarof Garib after ruling the prosecution had proven its case beyond reasonable doubt.

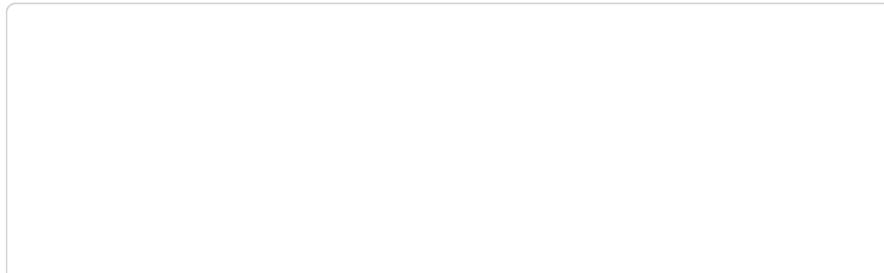
He was found guilty of robbing a 23-year-old man of his MyKad and a set of house keys, at 1.15am on July 16, 2016 by the roadside near the Putatan Platinum Apartment, Putatan.

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Maarof committed the offence together with an accomplice still at large while armed with a meat cleaver.

The offence under Section 395/397 of the Penal Code provides for a jail term of up to 20 years, and whipping, on conviction.

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The court ordered Maarof to serve the jail sentence from the date of his arrest on July 18, 2016.

In his mitigation through his counsel Michelle Usman, Maarof asked for a lenient sentence and that his sentence run from the date of his arrest.

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Deputy Public Prosecutor Dinesh Raja urged the court to impose a deterrent sentence on the grounds that Maarof had showed no remorse as he had claimed trial instead of admitting to his wrongdoing in the first place.

Meanwhile, three men were jailed four months and ordered to receive a stroke of the cane for entering the State illegally.

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Islam, Ciyal Tuha and Yassir Tasan pleaded guilty before Sessions Court Judge Ainul Shahrin Mohamad to entering the State without valid documents.

After completing their jail sentence, the court ordered them referred to the Immigration Department. –
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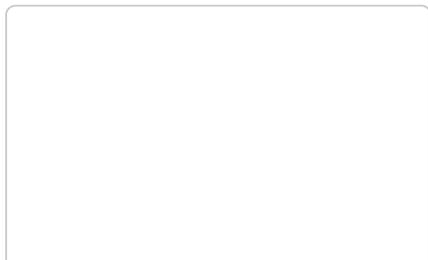
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